

The Alexandria Gazette.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The Republicans in the U. S. Senate whose terms expire with this Congress, are Morrill, of Maine; Foot, of Vermont; Sumner, of Massachusetts; Dixon, of Connecticut; Simmons, of Rhode Island; King, of New York; Wilmot, of Pennsylvania; Wade, of Ohio; Chandler, of Michigan; and Doolittle, of Wisconsin. Mr. Dixon, of Connecticut, has already been chosen as his own successor. Gov. Sprague succeeds Mr. Simmons, of Rhode Island.

The emancipation commissioners, under the act for the release of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia, have published a list of claims preferred before them, showing the number of claimants up to Saturday last to be about seven hundred, and the liberated slaves, for which they desire to be paid, about twenty-three hundred.

Col. Slack's order suppressing the circulation of Confederate treasury notes, and requiring persons to secure permits in order to pass the guards at Mound City, has produced great excitement in Memphis.

The privateersmen who were sent to Fortress Monroe to be exchanged for Colonel Corcoran returned on the Fulton on Sunday and are now confined in Fort Lafayette. They are all without exception, secessionists.

The Dayton (Ohio) Empire says that many of the abolitionists of that place are discharging white men and women from their employ, and hiring in their places the recently arrived "contrabands," whose service they get at very low prices.

Gen. Beverly Robinson, of Richmond, has been appointed to the command of the Confederate cavalry force of the late Col. Ashby.

The authorized dispatch of the Associated Press from Winchester, says:—"Frequent statements are made here of the destructive propensities of a large number of men in Gen. Blenker's command, and without discriminating between friend and foe. If all accounts of their conduct are true, it cannot but be viewed with great regret by all desirous of ultimately restoring a cordiality between the present contending sections of our country. The only excuse which can be offered, is that these men are only but initiating the barbarities of European warfare into this country."

Strawberries are in such profusion in the Baltimore market that they sell for 12½ cts. per gallon!

The Richmond papers are filled with praises of Stonewall; Jackson and John R. Thompson, the poet of Richmond, contributes a poem to the Examiner, entitled simply, "Ashby."

The following were the quotations in the Baltimore exchange market yesterday:—American Gold 5½@6½ premium; One-Year Certificates 100½@100½; 7.30 Treasury notes 105½@105½; Dutiable Demand Notes 3@3½ premium.

Mr. Kendricks, an editor of the late New York News, has been arrested and brought (with a file of that paper) to Washington for examination before the judiciary committee, in connection with the charge of disloyalty against the Hon. Ben. Wood.

The bill which has passed the U. S. House of Representatives, providing for a railway communication between the Mississippi valley and the Pacific Ocean, is now before the Senate. This measure provides for a railroad of 2,425 miles in length, and for a loan of the credit of the government of sixty-five millions, in bonds, running for thirty years, and for a grant to the road, as the work is completed, of a portion of the public lands on both sides.

The U. S. Senate a few days ago refused to confirm the nominations of the following officers, formerly in the Navy, and now holding acting appointments for restoration to their former position:—Joseph P. Sanford, to be a Commander; Richard T. Renshaw, John Van Ness Philip, Edward Y. McCauley, Pendleton G. Watmough, James Parker, Jr., Edgar Brodhead, John N. Quackenbush and John S. Barns, to be Lieutenants.

Scouting parties from the Eleventh Virginia Regiment, sent into Roane Co., Va., a few days since, scattered a number of guerillas. One party killed eleven, including the guerilla leader, Downs.

A woman, dressed in man's apparel, has been arrested in Memphis as a spy. She represents herself as having been in the Confederate service under Gen. Polk. Seventy-four Confederate officers and soldiers took the oath of allegiance on Saturday in Memphis.

Railroad building is as active this season in Pennsylvania, as ever it was in the palmiest days of railway movements.

The French journals claim to have found a substitute for cotton in a common plant, which will produce the fibre in abundance. It possesses, they say, all the attributes of cotton.

Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, who by the late change of the ministry in Canada, has become president of the Executive Council of the Province, came to this country friendless and penniless, and began life as a printer in the office of the Boston Pilot.

Lord Lyons has left for England. He leaves Mr. Stewart, First Secretary of the Legation, as Charge de Affaires during his absence. Mr. Stewart was presented by Lord Lyons to the State Department and recognized in that capacity.

At the suggestion of the military authorities, preparations are in progress at the various hospitals in New York, to receive 5,000 wounded soldiers.

We have already given some particulars of the sudden appearance of a body of Confederates, on Friday last, near the White House, and their capture of a number of wagons and mules, and the burning of two vessels—the Island City and Whitman Philips. These two vessels, although hailing from New York, sailed from Baltimore, and had on board corn and oats for the army, besides a number of cattle on deck. The schooner David A. Berry, also from Baltimore, was cut loose and drifted down the stream, thus escaping the flames. The cattle on the two burned vessels had been landed before the Confederates appeared.—About 1,500 bales of hay lying on the shore, it is reported, were also burned.

Captain Taylor, of the Bucktail Rifles, captured near Harrisonburg Virginia, on the 6th inst., has been released on parole.

A member of the 6th Palmetto S. C. regiment says: "Our loss is irreparable. We entered the field of the Chickahominy with 521 men, all told; 31 were left dead on the field, and 180 wounded, many of whom have since died, and others now linger in the clutches of death.—Other seventeen are missing, some of whom are lying perhaps unnoticed, and on the densely-peopled field of battle. Our battleflag was riddled by five balls, the staff shot away by the Pennsylvanians, and the color-bearer mortally wounded."

All criminal cases in New Orleans now come before Major Bell, Provost Judge. Major Bell is very much annoyed by many persons who take the opportunity presented by the recent change in the government of the city to wreak their vengeance on an old enemy. They bring a charge of co-operation with the Confederate army against some man with whom they have an old feud, hoping to obtain a punishment for him that they could not otherwise secure. But they generally find that they have "brought their pigs to the wrong market," as Judge Bell can "see through a ladder" as well as most any man. He has discovered this trick in several instances, and in the future is determined to punish it severely.

For several days past workmen have been busily engaged in preparing the churches in Washington, designated for hospital purposes. They are putting a flooring over the seats, but with such care and in such a manner as to avoid doing them injury. The Government is evidently desirous of having these hospitals completed at an early day; for the men were at work until late hours at night for two nights past.

Gen. Thomas, U.S.A., has not been suspended. No Court of Inquiry touching any act of his is contemplated. His loyalty has not been questioned now or at any time by the President or Secretary of War. There has been no intention of removing him, either temporarily or permanently.

William Everett, youngest son of Hon. Edward Everett, who has been for some time a member of Trinity College, in Cambridge, England, recently gained a scholarship, after a severe examination in classics and mathematics.

Just now the civilized nations of the world derive their chief revenue from tobacco. Without it the Pope would be bankrupt in a month. Last year the English Government derived \$28,000,000 revenue and the French \$36,000,000 from the weed that vanishes in smoke.—The greater part of the tobacco which yields to foreign Powers their chief revenue is grown in America.

A wild man was last week found in the woods of Jackson county, Indiana, captured and taken to the superintendent of the poor to be cared for. When taken he was found lying behind a tree, thinly clad and asleep. The unfortunate man says that for the past fourteen years he has subsisted almost entirely upon roots, herbs, and berries, and during that time but rarely met any human being.

The New York Herald says: "The foreign bankers and stockjobbers of this city are putting themselves in a furious passion against the Secretary of the Treasury because of his application to Congress for a fresh issue of a hundred and fifty millions of bank notes."